

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



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Examiner:

For: EFFICIENT ONLINE AUCTION-STYLE LISTINGS THAT ENCOURAGE OUT-  
OF-CHANNEL NEGOTIATION (AS AMENDED)

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December 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title as follows:

EFFICIENT ONLINE AUCTIONING- STYLE LISTINGS THAT  
ENCOURAGES OUT-OF-CHANNEL NEGOTIATION